

other hand, the law invites fraud by requiring the election judges to destroy the unused ballots; thereby the dishonest election official is actually required to destroy the evidences of his own fraud.

Agents of Partisan Committee.
4. The judges and clerks in primary elections are agents and appointees of partisan committees; when, as a matter of fact, they should be appointed to the same manner as provided by the law governing general elections.

There is no law prohibiting clerks and judges thus selected from using their influence at the polls for or against candidates. It is the common practice in some parts of the State for the judges and clerks of election, while in the performance of their duties, to use their influence actively to affect the result of the election. Such practices are now permitted by law to give election officials an undue and unfair influence and prevent a free and untrammelled expression of the people's will at the polls.

While the law gives the courts power to grant relief to a Republican candidate, who is defrauded at the general election, it withholds from the courts the authority to grant relief to a Democrat who is defrauded of his nomination at a primary election. The inequity of this discrimination is made more apparent when we call to mind that in Virginia a large majority of the public officials are practically chosen at the primary elections, and that at the general election, the authority to grant relief is granted by law to a party committee, often actuated by sectional motives, and at the same time, the committee cannot compel the production of witnesses, books and papers, and have no power to put witnesses under oath, nor can they punish witnesses for false swearing.

We believe with President Wilson and Mr. Bryan, that delegates to the national convention should be chosen by presidential primaries, and we regret that our last State convention held at Norfolk should have refused to sanction this important and democratic measure.

Other Progressive Measures.
There are many other progressive measures which deserve serious consideration, but we cannot go into the going as fundamental Democratic principles, because they are designed to bring about purity in elections and a ready response to the will of the people.

Recognizing that this movement in Virginia is only a part of a nation-wide movement, we have invited two of the foremost exponents of popular government in America to address our convention. Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, will address us on the night of the 25th, and Hon. William J. Bryan will speak on the night of February 26th.

We believe that the interests of the people of the State can best be served by and through the Democratic party, and our object is not to usurp the functions of our party, but to render our aid in increasing its usefulness to the State. Our object is not to divide the party, but to unite it on a definite program of progress and improvement. This call, therefore, not limited to any faction of the party, but all who subscribe to the principles as herein outlined are asked to co-operate with us. We recognize that nothing great can be accomplished except through organization, and we call on all Democrats who are in sympathy with our principles to attend the convention, and in the meanwhile to send their names for enrollment to our secretary and treasurer.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—The Stratford-Up-Avon Players in "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Bijou—Grainger Scott Company in "The Two Orphans."

Lyrie—Keith vaudeville, matinee and night.

Colonial—Vaudeville and pictures.

This is Shakespeare.

Judging from the performance of "Richard the Third," given last night by the Stratford-Up-Avon Players, and guided by the knowledge, common to many others, of the general theatrical conditions in this country, I venture to say that the most confident assertion that the public of Richmond will never have another opportunity to see Shakespeare played with the same rounded, balanced, polished and scholarly perfection as was given by the Stratford-Up-Avon Players should again appear in this city.

And this statement is made with a lively recollection of many brilliant performances of the same play, and of the famous or noted Shakespearean stars in the theatres of Richmond, but there's the rub, they were performances by stars, for stars.

But this company of artists plays Shakespeare, not for the value and effect of one overwhelming part, not for the exploitation and exaltation of one powerful actor, but for the blending of every part, the combination, and, if necessary, the subordination, of all the actors into a dramatic unit and an artistic whole—into which unit, which whole, is William Shakespeare, his play.

We have, moreover, a more tremendous, a more appalling Richard of Gloucester than F. R. Benson made last night, but as he was in his sardonic quality, his cold humor, his Machiavellian duplicity, his linking hypocrisy, but we have never before seen a Clarence, an Edward, a Lieutenant of the Tower, a second murderer, whose setting was presented by the mere performance of the man who played Richard. Last night these characters were, of course, subordinated by the magnificent Gloucester's wickedness and might power, but yet in no wise overshadowed by the art of the actor who assumed the part of Richard.

Nor is this to be taken as an derogation of Mr. Benson's strength as an actor, but as an appreciation of his ability as a director of this endowed institution, since it is to be assumed that he has a potent voice in the selection of the players, and primarily as a recognition of the rare quality of the whole company.

Now, if this is the cause of the wonderful perfection which the Stratford-Up-Avon Players have achieved, every part is played by an actor, not by a figure upon which clothes and words may be persuaded to speak, but by a skilled and schooled actor, who is not only competent to portray his part, but who, thanks to the beautiful, clear, and telling English enunciation by every one of them, is able to read Shakespeare's verse in such a manner as to make his every speech a lesson in the art of unaffected elocution.

Clarence's dream was narrated and its effect upon him conveyed by Murray Carrington so vividly that even the most fastidious and fastidious of the audience, who had been so long and so long as to be weary of the play, was so profoundly pictured by the immediate death seemed only a welcome relief. Mr. Carrington's Frank Cochrane as the first and second murderers played the scene in the Tower with such compelling and realistic art that to descend from the sublime—it would have made a complete and telling sketch even in modern vaudeville, the voice of James Stanners, the Lieutenant of the Tower—oh it is impossible to go through the whole cast.

Why, the man who played the bit-part of Lord Stanley, William Calvert, is to be Palstaff in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" to-morrow night. It is just that sort of company—the small parts are played by the stars, and yet there are no stars.

The version used last night is that usually employed—Colley Cibber's—the first scene of which is taken from the third part of "Henry the Sixth" and the production was altogether adequate, but these are wholly aside from the main point, which is that the Stratford-Up-Avon Players present Shakespeare in a manner which has never been even distantly approached in Richmond—certainly in my day.

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Rev. John McNeill Charms Large Congregation in Grace Street Baptist Church.



S. D. GORDON
Patience was well rewarded last night, when the large congregation which waited in Grace Street Baptist Church until after 9 o'clock for the appearance of Rev. John McNeill, pastor of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Can., heard one of the best sermons ever delivered from a local pulpit. The delay was caused by the train service.

Dr. McNeill took as his theme "Christian Constancy," and based his discourse upon the familiar story of Daniel in the lion's den. He was strikingly different from any speaker who preceded him during the present series of great addresses, which are being given under the auspices of the Federation of Men's Bible Classes of Richmond.

The audience was given a keen analysis of the subject, entwined by sparks of Scotch wit, and made doubly attractive by the "bur" of a Scot of the sturdiest type. He talked for more than fifty minutes.

The conference will close to-night with an address by S. D. Gordon, of New York, who is probably the most widely read author of devotional themes in this country. His address will be different from any of the others, and a large congregation is expected at the final service.

ON BEHALF OF NICARAGUA

Bryan Urges Foreign Powers Not to Demand Immediate Payment of Debts.
Washington, February 12.—Secretary Bryan today urged that the United States was using its good offices to persuade Germany and other European nations to extend the payment of the Nicaraguan government for the collection of debts.

It is understood at the State Department that the Nicaraguan foreign debt aggregates \$1,200,000, bonds being held in Great Britain, Germany and France. If the Nicaraguan pending canal treaty is ratified by the Senate, a committee of nine will be in a position to meet obligations.

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WILL Testify Concerning Contribution of Father to William Sulzer.
New York, February 12.—Allan Ryan, son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, will be a witness in the John Doe inquiry into alleged graft in the State Highway Department, which is being conducted by the grand jury.

testifying regarding the \$10,000 contribution which Sulzer's father in 1912 to William Sulzer, then candidate for Governor, which Sulzer says he turned over to Charles F. Murphy.

District Attorney Charles S. Whitman wants to know what became of the cash.

General Wirt Davis.
Prigadier-General Wirt Davis, United States Army, retired, who died on Thursday morning at Washington, will be buried this morning in Arlington National Cemetery.

ALLAN RYAN AS WITNESS

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John W. Cotton, Jr.	A. C. L.	1,345
P. J. Hawkes	N. & W.	1,178

We have temporarily discontinued the names of conductors who have not 1,000 votes to their credit. As soon as 1,000 or more votes are registered these names will be published.

CHURCHES TRYING TO GET TOGETHER

Club Proposed to Unite Clergy, Vestry and Laymen in Common Cause.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Norfolk, Va., February 12.—A meeting of the vestrymen of the Episcopal churches of Tidewater, called by the Norfolk clerics, met at Central Y. M. C. A. to-night to consider the organization of a laymen's church club, and after speeches favoring the movement from members of the clergy and vestry, a committee of nine was appointed to perfect the organization.

After a banquet, which was attended by laymen, clergy and vestry of the churches of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, Berkeley, Newport News and Suffolk, the business meeting was called to order by Rev. D. W. Howard, rector of St. Luke's Church.

Mr. Howard said the vestry knew of the church club with representatives from all churches in this section, the most good for the greatest number could be accomplished. He said that the purpose of the club was to consider "how to get together the laymen of the community and get them to do the work of the parishes as it should be done."

Rev. C. Steinmetz, rector of Christ Church, urged upon the vestry the necessity of breaking away from the narrow parochial lines, and realizing that all the churches have a common end in view. He urged the necessity of a more complete knowledge of the workings of the church on the part of the vestry, and spoke of the need of men as teachers of boys in the Sunday schools. "Our present system of schools and Sunday schools have a tendency to feminize boys," he said. He asked for a perfection of the proposed organization as soon as practicable.

HEARING ON OWEN BILL
Chairman Thinks It Will Be Month Before Report Is Ready.

Washington, February 12.—Hearings before the House Committee on the Owen Bill for the regulation of stock exchanges late today came to a close. Chairman Owen said it perhaps would be a month before a report could be made. The committee has a mass of suggestions and statements to read and digest.

Representatives of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Boston Stock Exchange, who appeared during the day, avowed their willingness to cooperate in framing a bill that would bring about the results sought, though they did not approve the Owen Bill. James F. Jackson spoke for the Chamber of Commerce. He thought Congress should define what is fraud, and keep fraudulent stock quotations out of the market. He suggested that the proposed interstate trade commission might exercise supervision over stock issues instead of giving so much power to the Postmaster-General, as proposed by the bill.

The president of the stock exchange, regarding the bill's provisions as unworkable, but said he could not see how it could be amended to give regulation or supervision that did not interfere with legitimate business.

Mr. Sarah Apperson.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., February 12.—Mrs. Sarah Apperson, widow of John G. Apperson, for many years a resident of this city, died last night at 10 o'clock at the home of her brother, Doniphan Hawkins, in Bedford City, Va. Mrs. Apperson was 81 years of age. Her body will be brought here to-morrow afternoon for burial at the Presbyterian church. She was the daughter of the grandmother of Miss Sadie Apperson, of this city, and she has the following brothers and sisters: Living Nelson Hawkins and John Hawkins, of Lynchburg; Doniphan Hawkins, of Bedford City; and Mrs. Dinwiddie, of Campbell County.

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W. H. Kirby, one of Berkeley's best known and oldest citizens, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Lawford Hospital, Va., of pneumonia. He was seventy-two years of age. He served in the Confederate service, and was a member of Niemyer's Camp, Confederate Veterans, at the time of his death. Captain Kirby was the father of John Kirby and the brother of Mrs. Melhot Herbert.

Arrangements for the funeral are yet to be completed.

Matthew Moyle Davis.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Arcadia, Va., February 12.—Matthew Moyle Davis, a well-known citizen, prominent and best known citizens of this end of Buckingham County, died suddenly at his home in New Canton on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Death came without any previous warning. Mr. Davis had been only slightly complaining of an attack of indigestion, and had been at his place of business all the morning, riding out on horseback. A few hours after he again returned to the post-office, where he was postmaster, and attended to some business going back home. He took some simple remedy for his threatened attack of indigestion. He went out on the back porch, and all house, and a moment later Mrs. Davis saw him lying on the ground. Mrs. Davis picked him up, and he was summoned, and many neighbors came in, but it was apparent that he had been dead from his first attack. It was pronounced by the physicians that he died of heart failure, with a probability that he had long suffered from organic heart disease of the aorta.

His widow, who was Miss Virginia T. Baber before her marriage. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. P. B. Patterson, of New Canton; Miss Carrie Davis, of New Canton; Mrs. John Davis, of New Canton; Charles City County, and Henry Davis, of Buchanan County, and John Davis, of Richmond.

Mr. Davis was in his fifty-seventh year, having been born in New Canton in 1856. He had been a member of the Stonewall Lodge of Masons here, and several years ago he connected himself with the Masons in the Valley, and was in his later years zealous in his church and religious work.

He was a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Canton, on Friday afternoon, the Masons participating.

Mrs. S. C. Ferneynough.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlottesville, Va., February 12.—Mrs. S. C. Ferneynough, aged forty, wife of Clifton Ferneynough, died last night at her home, near Owensville, Va. She was a daughter of J. T. Douglas, of Albemarle, and is survived by her husband and two children. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters.

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Zackariah M. Stagg.
Zackariah M. Stagg, sixty-three years old, son of the late T. E. Stagg, Sr., and the late L. A. Stagg, died last night at his home, near Owensville, Va. He was a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Canton, on Friday afternoon, the Masons participating.

Thomas J. Harkins, Sr.
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Asheville, N. C., February 12.—Thomas J. Harkins, Sr., one of Asheville's pioneer citizens, died this morning at an early hour, following an illness of several months. He was eighty-seven years of age, and had been in ill health for several years. Mrs. Harkins died last night at her home, near Owensville, Va. She was a daughter of the late Joseph Harkins, of Bedford City, Va. Her body will be brought here to-morrow afternoon for burial at the Presbyterian church. She was the daughter of the grandmother of Miss Sadie Apperson, of this city, and she has the following brothers and sisters: Living Nelson Hawkins and John Hawkins, of Lynchburg; Doniphan Hawkins, of Bedford City; and Mrs. Dinwiddie, of Campbell County.

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